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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 759
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Harsha Deivanayagam for
outstanding work as an intern.

WHEREAS, through the course of each legislative session, there have emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Harsha Deivanayagam has distinguished himself as one such individual through his work as a legislative intern for Representative Jere L. Hargrove, Majority Leader, his efforts resulting in untold benefits for the member he served and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded student at Tennessee Technological University, Harsha Deivanayagam has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities during his collegiate career; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary young man majors in History and Political Science at Tennessee Tech and expects to receive his bachelor's degree in the Spring of 2001; Harsha may then pursue a graduate degree in business administration or a related field; and

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WHEREAS, a very outgoing person, he has received several honors while attending Tennessee Technological University; Harsha served as Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity Finance Chair in 1994 and Social Chair in 1995, was a member of the Student Government Association and Student Activities Council, and served as President/Founder of Misu-Arashi Jujitsu and Judo Club; and

WHEREAS, his experience as social chair of Alpha Tau Omega prepared him well for his appointment at the General Assembly as Intern Social Chair; he served in this position with distinction as he led the intern class - especially The Cumberland chapter - through many a long night of social duties; and

WHEREAS, always one to come out ahead, Harsha was able to maintain his status as Intern Social Chair even without attending any of the Friday intern meetings; and

WHEREAS, when Harsha first arrived on the Hill, "Ebony and Ivory" was the song that first came to the Majority Leader's mind, but soon it was revealed that the most descriptive song for Harsha's personal life should have been "Ebony and Ebony"; and

WHEREAS, during the 2000 legislative session, Harsha became the Majority Leader's TennCare Oversight expert, delving deep into the complex issues surrounding the program at each Monday Oversight meeting; and

WHEREAS, after a certain late-night study session in mid-May, Harsha also became the Majority Leader's State and Local Government expert, giving unreservedly of his time and talents - pushing all "Boundaries" - to study intergovernmental issues way into the next morning; and

WHEREAS, along with encouragement from his co-worker he so fondly referred to as "Mom," Harsha revealed his appreciation for grape juice and other Welch's grape products toward the end of the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, his artistic ability and contributions to the office Post-It art collection will be also sorely missed as he provided great illustrations of "Happy Pat" and "Mad Pat"; and

WHEREAS, eager to learn more about the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of Tennessee state government and to aid in his studies, Harsha brought his many skills to the State Capitol for the 2000 session of the One Hundred and First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Harsha Deivanayagam has performed his many responsibilities with extraordinary ingenuity and decorum and will be greatly missed by Rep. Hargove and his staff, who will always consider him a part of their legislative family; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Harsha Deivanayagam for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Majority Leader, Representative Jere L. Hargrove, and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.